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CENTRAL FAX CENTER****OCT 06 2006****REMARKS/ARGUMENTS****Restriction Requirement and Requirement for Election of Species**

In the Office Action, it was asserted that pending claims 1-58 recite distinct inventions, namely, Group I (claims 1-9, 16-20, 27, 28, 31-36, 57 and 58, drawn to an optical sensor assembly with means for detecting diffuse and specular reflections of light from an object, classified in class 250, subclass 559.16) and Group II (claims 37-56, drawn to an optical sensor assembly with a flexible printed circuit assembly, classified in class 250, subclass 216). It was also asserted that claims 10-15, 21-26, 29 and 30 are drawn to a combination of the inventions I and II, and indicated that these claims will be held in abeyance until the allowability of the elected invention is determined.

It was also asserted that if applicant elects Group I these claims are directed to Species Ia (claims 1-9, 16-20 and 57) and Species Ib (claims 27, 28, 31-36 and 58), and that these species are independent or distinct because the species as claimed have different mode of operation and materially different design.

Applicant elects Group I and Species Ia, without traverse, for prosecution on the merits. Claims 1-26 and 57 are readable on Species Ia.

Respectfully submitted,



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